**Bridgewater United Church**

**September 23, 2018 18th After Pentecost**

**Ministry Team:** *Reverend Jeff Chant and Angela Clifton*

**Organist & Choir Director:** *Wendy Fraser*

**Greeters:** *Danny Carey, Rhona Carey* **Usher:** *Corrine Zinck, Dale Elsworth*

**Audio Visual Technician:** *Ewart Morse* **Sound Engineer:** *Heather Fifield*

*The asterisk (\*) indicates the congregation may stand, as they can. The print in* ***BOLD*** *is where the congregation participates.*

Prelude: Amazing Grace *arranged by Debra Wanles*

Prelude: Simple Gifts *~ Shaker Hymn*

**\*Gathering Song: 245 VU – Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet (vs. 1)**

Welcome and Announcements

\*Invitation To Worship

\*Lighting of the Christ Candle

\*Opening Songs

**\* Hymn And Gifts Are Received: 395 VU – Come In, Come In and Sit Down**

Time With Children

Time of Gratitude

Time of Centering

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:30-37

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Musical Offering: Walk With Me *sung by the BUC Senior Choir*

Prayers of the Community

**\*Hymn: 651 VU – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

\*Commissioning And Benediction

**\*Choral Blessing: 602 VU – Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vss. 1 and 4)**

Postlude: Holy Is the Lord *written by William B. Bradbury*



***The church bulletins are given to the glory of God,***

***and in loving memory of our parents,***

***Fran and Larry Clifton and Art and Victoria Cook,***

***gift of Angela Clifton and Ralph Cook.***

***The September church radio broadcast is given to the glory of God,***

***and in loving memory of family and friends,***

***a gift of Mike and Shirley Vandertoorn.***



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*Facebook:* [*https://www.facebook.com/BridgewaterUnitedChurch?ref=hl*](https://www.facebook.com/BridgewaterUnitedChurch?ref=hl)

*Church Office Hours are Monday – Friday 9:30am – 1:00pm*

*Our Church is a* ***Nut-Free and Scent-Free Church***

**BRIDGEWATER UNITED CHURCH**

**WANTS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU!**

We try to make every effort to keep our congregation informed of the events that occur at Bridgewater United Church. It would be most helpful to Bridgewater United Church, if you followed the suggestions below to make sure that you are as up-to-date with news as possible.

1. Please pass along your email to the Church Office at buc@tallships.ca, so that you can be added to congregational emails regarding events, services and storm closures.

2. Check out our website at [www.bridgewaterunited.ca](http://www.bridgewaterunited.ca) for information about our Church, Event Calendar, Church Council Minutes, Church Bulletin, Worship Service Audio Recordings, Sermons and so much more.

3. Find us and like us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/BridgewaterUnitedChurch?ref=hl>

4. The Church Office wants to remind members of the congregation,

if the worship service is cancelled, an announcement will be placed on CKBW

(98.1 FM), on the church’s website at www.bridgewaterunited.ca and

the church phone message will state the cancellation by 9:00am.



Fundraising Opportunities

**AN EVENING OF MUSIC** - Mark Your Calendars! International musician and storyteller, Dave Carroll, will be at Bridgewater United Church; 87 Hillcrest Street, in concert for an evening of Stories and Songs on October 20th at 7:00pm. Dave Carroll has written, recorded and released over 40 original songs, on the ECMA award-winning band, Sons of Maxwell’s ten CDs, has shared in multiple nominations and awards and has toured North America, Europe, Asia and the Caribbean. Intermission and Refreshments. Tickets are $25. Tickets are on sale in Bridgewater at Bridgewater United Church, Bridgewater Pharmasave and Buck’s Home Building Centre, Kinburn Pharmasave; Mahone Bay and Pharmachoice Kinley Drug Co; Lunenburg.

Experiencing Worship Through Outreach

**Tuesday, September 25th – Hillside Pines Worship Service – Hillside Pines; 77 Exhibition Drive – 6:30pm** – Youth and congregational members are invited to participate in the Worship Service presented to the residents of Hillside Pines.

Sharing Your Gifts

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE** – We still need coverage in two Districts. A District Representative is responsible to deliver church letters to the families in their District approximately four times a year, as well as report any changes or concerns with these families to the Minister.

 ~ District 39 – 6 families - Aberdeen Road

 ~ District 41 - 8 families - Auburndale/Wileville/Midville Branch

**WORSHIP READERS** – We are looking for readers for the Christ Candle Reading and Lighting. Please sign up in the Narthex today following the service.

**SENIOR CHOIR** – Do you love to sing? Our Senior Choir welcomes new members. They rehearse on Wednesday evening at 7:00pm and meet Sunday mornings at 9:00am. Please speak with Wendy Fraser; Organist and Choir Director.

**BUC MEN’S CHOIR -** All men of the congregation are invited to join us for singing and fellowship. For more information contact Bob Zinck at (902) 530-6297.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** – Musicians of all ages, please contact Wendy at (902) 543-6158 to play or provide occasional special music during our worship. If you know performers or groups outside our church community, pass along their names as well.

A Celebration of Music

**MEMORIAL HYMN SING** – Please join us on Sunday, September 30th at 7:00pm for our annual memorial hymn sing and dessert fest. This event began in 2001 and has provided us with an excellent opportunity to celebrate God’s gift of music. As well as singing some of our favourite hymns, we will have the opportunity to hear from some talented musicians. Following the evening of music, all are invited to gather for a time of fellowship and an opportunity to enjoy our potluck dessert fest.

**This Sunday: 18th AFTER PENTECOST**

This Week At Bridgewater United

 **FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN**

 **10:30am** Worship and Sunday School

 **11:30am** Youth Singers’ Practice

**Monday: 6:30pm** Scouts

**Tuesday: 5:30pm-12:00am** Floor Maintenance – No Access to C.E. Centre

**Wednesday: 4:00pm** Worship Committee

 **4:30pm/5:30pm/6:30pm** BUC Mission Trip Spaghetti Dinner

 **6:30pm** Beavers **7:00pm** Church Council

 **7:45pm** 3rd Bridgewater Scout Group Committee

**Thursday: 9:30am-4:00pm** South Shore Presbytery

 **6:30pm** Cubs **6:30pm** Arts and Crafts Potluck at Ruth’s

**Friday: 6:30pm** Maritime Conference Fall Youth Forum Drop-Off

**Next Sunday:** **19th AFTER PENTECOST**

 **ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY**

 **9:00am** Senior Choir **10:00am** Coffee, Tea and Conversation

 **10:00am** 3rd Bridgewater Scouting Popcorn Sale

 **10:30am** Worship and Sunday School

 **11:30am** 3rd Bridgewater Scouting Popcorn Sale

 **1:00pm** Maritime Conference Fall Youth Forum Pick-Up

 **7:00pm** Memorial Hymn Sing and Dessert Fest

Meet Our Music Director, Wendy Fraser

Wendy has lived most of her life in Nova Scotia, but was born in New Brunswick to parents, Reverend Ellis and Edna Boyd. She moved to the South Shore to Mahone Bay where her Dad was Minister at Trinity United. Wendy studied at Dalhousie University receiving her BMus.Ed., majoring in Organ and Vocal studies. She began her teaching career at Mahone Bay Consolidated School. She soon married a ' fine Scotsman,’ Peter Fraser, and they have raised three 'red heads' and are now retired with three grandkids. Wendy and her love of music keep her involved in musical activities such as a chorus member of the Maritime Opera Company, Accompanist and Board Member of the Bridgewater Music Festival and serves as the Maritime Representative on the UCC Music United Committee. As well, she has been composing music all her life, both piano and vocal, and was lead singer and keyboard player in three dance bands in the past. Wendy enjoys knitting , cross stitch and board games and holds a '29' hand in Cribbage.

*"I continue to thank God daily for life and breath;*

*and most especially for the life of my Mom, Edna Boyd now 98 years young.”*

Minute for Mindfulness

**MUSIC** ~ Make the time to enjoy a favourite piece of music today. Whatever the music invites, let it lead you. Dance. Meditate. Sing.

Congregational News

**WAYS AND MEANS GROCERY CARD FUNDRAISER** – Compared to May’s $22,950, we grossed $22,350 this time. Profits were up, however, with Sobeys new deal of 5% on orders over $5000 and the $815 made was our second best (which was $820 at Christmas.) New partners with our program are the Bridgewater Day Care, Wee Wisdom Nursery School and the Bridgewater Inter-Church Food Bank. Thank you to all that supported this fundraiser.

**ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY** – Please join us on Sunday, September 30th at 10:30am as we celebrate our Anniversary Sunday with guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Ross Bartlett. Rev. Dr. Ross Bartlett is a dynamic preacher and educator as well as an author of several books. He believes passionately in the ministry of the local congregation and sees his highest calling as helping people find and develop their personal calling.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** –Committee Reports need to be submitted to the Church Council Secretary, Corinne Zinck at czinck@bellaliant.net., four days before the meeting being held on Wednesday, September 26th at 7:00pm. The meeting is open to anyone but there will be only be one vote per committee.

**SOUND SYSTEM SPEAKERS FOR THE SANCTUARY** – There will be a demonstration for new sound system speakers for the Sanctuary held at Bridgewater United at 6:00pm on Wednesday, September 26th. All are encouraged to attend.

**MITTEN KNITTERS** - It's time to collect all those mittens that you have been working on all summer. They can be given to Ruth Rudderham by calling (902) 543-5124 or left at the Church Office weekday mornings over the next few weeks.

**SOUTH SHORE PRESBYTERY** - South Shore Presbytery will meet on Thursday, September 27th at Bridgewater United Church for a Workshop and good Discussion about what OPPORTUNITIES we might find as we journey into the future in the life of our Church. We will meet at 9:30am for Coffee, Conversation and Muffins and lunch will be served at noon. You must confirm attendance for lunch by September 21st with Marg at (902) 543-2495 or Corrine at (902) 543-4696.

**PASTORAL CARE NEEDS** – Please contact Angela Clifton; Pastoral Care Minister at (902) 543-6854, (902) 527-2739, (902) 521-7040 or by confidential email at aclifton@eastlink.ca with pastoral concerns or needs.

**VETERANS** – Please find a list in the Narthex to add your name or the name of someone you know in the congregation, who has served in the military to fight for our freedom. We thank them all.

Opening and Affirming Congregation

**WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS?** – In the Narthex, you will find a questionnaire box where you can leave your questions for the Affirming Ministry team regarding the Affirming Ministry process. We encourage you to explore what this means for us as a Christian community. Thank you.

Outreach Opportunities

**BUC MISSION TRIP SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER** – Join us on Wednesday, September 26th at Pizza Delight for all you can eat Spaghetti, Caesar Salad, Garlic Cheese Fingers, Pop, Tea, or Coffee. $13.00. Sittings at 4:30pm, 5:30pm and 6:30pm. Take Out is available. Vegetarian sauce available.

**BUC MISSION TRIP** – We would like to get the Church Community involved in our Mission Trip to Sosua, Dominican Republic in October 2018. For September, we are asking for School Supplies such as notebooks, rulers, sharpeners, crayons, white chalk, children’s scissors, Crepe paper, construction paper, chalkboard erasers, craft supplies and pencils. Thank you for your continued support of our Trip.

**BRIDGEWATER INTER-CHURCH FOOD BANK** – Donations of non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Food Bank are greatly appreciated. The Food Bank has highlighted monthly needs, but donations are not limited to them. For September, there is a request for Smooth Peanut Butter, Boxed Cereal, Rolled Oats or Instant Oatmeal. There is also a request for used Adult T-shirts to be used to make bags for groceries.

Uplifting The Next Generation

**SUPPORT 3rd BRIDGEWATER SCOUTING** – The 3rd Bridgewater Scouting organization relies on popcorn sales to help fund their program. The 3rd Bridgewater Scouts will be taking Scouts popcorn orders before and after Worship **on September 30th** in the Narthex. Please contact Gwen at (902) 543-6954 for more information.

**MARITIME CONFERENCE FALL YOUTH FORUM** - Maritime Conference Youth Forum is pleased to offer a fall event on Friday, September 28th – Sunday, September 30th at Sherbrooke Lake Camp. We provide a place for youth in Grade 10 and up to age 19, to explore their faith and to learn about the United Church.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – The Church is looking for help with organizing the Church Library. We want to make it more accessible for all to use.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS** - Curriculum is provided to each classroom teacher, and the structure of the lesson is given to you. Craft ideas are given, and teachers only need to prepare supplies for them. We have co-teacher classrooms, so that the teachers can share the volunteering time. Contact Tracy at (902) 543-4833.

**WORSHIP NURSERY VOLUNTEERS** – We are looking for adult volunteers for the Worship Nursery so that our Church can provide an opportunity for our young families to have a time of peace and renewal. Please sign up today.

**DOVE KITE AND YOUTH SINGERS** - Sign-up sheets for Dove Kite Bearers and Youth Singers are on the table leading to the C.E. Centre. Our Youth Singers Group is open to youth in Elementary, Junior and Senior High. Making music and learning with multi-age children and youth can be fun and rewarding. Contact Wendy at (902) 543-6158 if you are interested in singing but can’t make the first practice.

**Finance Committee**

**Treasurer’s Report**

**for the Eight Month Period Ending August 31, 2018**

**Receipts** **2018**  **2017**

 Total Local Receipts 105,793 111,261

 Trust Receipts

 Mission & Service 10,744 12,785

 UCW Funds for M&S 1,500 2,000

 Food Bank Receipts 2,384 2,925

 Disaster Relief 00 1,550

 LaHave Refugee 00 1,520

 Misc. Trust Receipts 4,036 4,921

 Building Use Receipts 36,283 31,412

 Fundraising Receipts 4,373 2,181

 UCW Donation to Local Givings 1,500 2,000

 Broadcast Service Receipts 1,400 1,475

 Misc. Receipts 926 1,624

**Total Receipts (Note 1)** **168,939 175,654**

**Disbursements**

 Total Trust Disbursements 19,153 24,676

 Total Personnel Expense 98,348 87,152

 Total Office & Admin Expense 11,455 9,929

 Accounting Fees 4,558 4,672

 Heating Fuel 13,883 12,211

 Lights, Water & Sewer 9,018 8,313

 Snow Removal & Salting 3,569 5,232

 Insurance 15,081 15,081

 Floor Maintenance 4,770 00

 Other Premises Expenses 8,348 5,063

 Allocation 5,600 5,581

 Other Misc. Expenses 3,415 2,234

**Total Disbursements (Note 1) 197,198 180,144**

**Operating Deficit at End of Period 28,259 4,490**

**Finance Committee**

**Important Financial Update**

At the present eight-month period, our actual total local givings are ($105,793.) and the 2018 approved prorated budget amount was ($126,000,) creating a budget shortfall of approximately $20,200.00 to date.

On May 27, 2018 at a special congregational meeting of the Bridgewater United Church, guest chaired by Reverend Neil McEwen, it was moved and agreed by our congregation to extend the appointment of our existing team ministry for three years.

The financial results of this decision increased our ministerial payroll cost by approximately $12,000 for this year. That, in addition to higher operating costs along with a drop in givings this year, has caused the deficit

The actual operating deficit at August 31, 2018 as shown by the Receipts and Disbursement Statement is $28,259.00.

It is imperative as a congregation for each and everyone of us to review our financial commitment if we wish to remain financially viable. We encourage all members to please continue their givings when they are absent and fulfill their commitments. “Going to the trustees is only possible for so long.” We cannot assume others will take care of the deficit, each of us needs to do our part to support this vibrant ministry.

Please contact me if you have any questions at blakehirtle@ns.sympatico.ca or by phone at (902) 543-9813.

Respectively submitted to the congregation on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Blake Hirtle; *Treasurer*

Brian Buck; *Finance Committee Chair*

September 19, 2018